

actly of the shape represented in the *Figure R*. The *Ring* appear'd of a somewhat brighter Light than the *Body*; and the black lines *a a*, crossing the *Ring*, and *b b* crossing the *Body* (whether *Shadows* or not, I dispute not) were plainly visibles whence I could manifestly see, that the *Souther* most part of the *Ring* was on *this* side of the *Body*, and the *Northern* part, behind, or covered by the *Body*:

A Relation Of a sad effect of Thunder and Lightning:

This Relation was written by that worthy Gentleman, *Thomas Neale* Esquire, (the then *High Sheriff* of the County of *Hampshire*, when this disaster hapned) to a Friend of his in *London*, as follows;

On the 24 of *January* 166 $\frac{1}{2}$, one Mr. *Brooks* of *Hampshire*, going from *Winchester* towards his house near *Andover* in very bad Weather, was himself slain by Lightning, and the Horse, he rode on, under him. For about a mile from *Winchester* he was found with his Face beaten into the ground, one leg in the stirrup, the other in the Horse's mane; his Cloaths all burnt off his back, not a piece as big as a handkerchief left intire, and his hair and all his body singed. With the force, that struck him down, his nose was beaten into his face, and his Chin into his Breast; where was a wound cut almost as low, as to his Navil; and his cloaths being, as aforesaid, torn, the pieces were so scatter'd and consum'd, that not enough to fill the crown of a hat could be found. His gloves were whole, but his hands in them sing'd to the bone. The hip-bone and shoulder of his Horse burn't and bruised; and his saddle torn in little pieces. This was what appear'd to the Coroners inquest, and so is likely to be as near truth, as any is to be had.

Sofar this Letter: Which, if it had come soon enough to the hands of the *Publisher*, would have been joyned to a like *Relation*, inserted in the next foregoing Papers (*Num. 13.*) of an accident hapn'd at a later time. With both which may be compared the Account, formerly published in Latin by the Learned Dr. *Charleton*, concerning the Boy, that was Thunder-struck

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struck near *Nantwich* in *Cheſhire*; the Title of the Book being, *Anatome Pueri de Cælo tacti*: ſuch Relations, when truly made, well deſerving to be carefully recorded for farther conſideration.

Of ſome Books lately publiſh't.

RELATIONS OF DIVERS CURIOUS VOYAGES, by *Monſ. Thevenot*; the third *Tome*, in *French*. This Book contains chiefly, the Ambaſſie of the *Dutch* into *China*, tranſlated out of the *Dutch* manuſcript: A Geographical deſcription of *China*, tranſlated out of a *Chiſeſe* Author by *Martinus*: And the Account, which the Directors of the *Dutch* Eaſt-India Company made to the States General, touching the ſtate of affairs in the Eaſt-Indies, when their late Fleet parted from thence. To touch ſome things of a *Geographical* and *Philosophical* nature, contained therein, we ſhall take notice;

1. How the Kingdom of *China* is peopled; there being according to the beſt computation (which is there made with ſingular care) above 58 millions of Men, not counting Magiſtrates, Soldiers, Priests, Eunuchs, Women and Children; ſo that it may not be altogether ſtrange, if one ſhould affirm, there were 200 millions of people, of all ſorts, in that Kingdom.

2. That *Catay* is nothing elſe, but the Six Northern Provinces of *China*, ſeparated from the other *Nine*, by the great River *K I A N G*; and that the City *Cambalu* is the ſame with that of *Peking*: the *Tartars*, who carry every three years their Tribute to the Emperour of *China*, conſtantly calling the ſaid Provinces and City by thoſe names of *Catay*, and *Cambalu*.

3. That *China* is ſo well furniſht with Rivers, and cut Channels, that men may go from the moſt Southern to the moſt Northern part thereof by water, except one daies journey; as the *Dutch* Ambaſſadours did, embarking at *Canton*, which is 23 d. 48 m. Northern Latitude, and landing at *Peking*, which is about 40 d; having only travell'd one daies journey over ſome Mountains of the Province *Kiamſi*.

4. That the people of *China* are exceeding induſtrious Huſband.